

Atomic Properties of Lu^+ .

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Singly ionised Lutetium has recently been suggested as a potential clock candidate. Here we report a joint experimental and theoretical investigation of Lu^+ . Measurements relevant to practical clock operation are made and compared to atomic structure calculations. Calculations of scalar and tensor polarizabilities for clock states over a range of wavelengths are also given. These results will be useful for future work with this clock candidate.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The development of atomic clocks has played an important role in today's society with applications in many different technologies, most notably the Global Positioning System and navigation. Increased levels of performance have allowed tests of fundamental physics [1] and new avenues of exploration in quantum many body physics [2, 3]. Increasing levels of accuracy and stability continue to be made with atomic clocks based on optical transitions in isolated atoms [4–12]. By now a number of groups have demonstrated superior performance over the current caesium frequency standards with the best clocks to date having inaccuracy at the 10^{-18} level [4, 5, 13]. For ion-based clocks, a significant bottleneck to improved levels of accuracy is the relatively low stability achieved with a single ion. Recently singly ionised Lutetium has been proposed as a possible candidate to overcome this hurdle [14, 15].

The clock transition in singly ionised Lutetium is a highly forbidden $M1$ 1S_0 to 3D_1 transition [14, 16]. This ion has a number of fortuitous properties that are almost ideally suited for clock applications [14, 15]. The 2.45 MHz linewidth of the 3D_1 to $^3P_0^o$ detection transition provides the possibility of a very low Doppler cooling limit and yet sufficiently large for practical detection. A novel averaging scheme eliminates shifts associated with the $J = 1$ level placing it on an equal footing with $J = 0$ to $J = 0$ candidates [14]. A very large hyperfine and fine structure splitting results in a very low magnetic field dependence of both the average frequency and the component transitions contributing to the average. Finally, initial estimates of the differential scalar polarizability indicate that it is sufficiently small to allow practical room

temperature operation, with a sign that allows micromotion shifts to be eliminated. This latter property has kindled the idea of clock operation on large ion crystals [15].

All of the available low-lying D states in Lu^+ are potentially long lived. These spectator states could be in principle be used as clock states themselves. However, in so far as clock operation with the 3D_1 state is concerned, the remaining D levels could potentially complicate clock operation via the need for a more complicated laser system. In this paper we give a detailed investigation of these potential issues using $^{175}\text{Lu}^+$. Measurements of lifetimes and branching ratios relevant to practical clock operation are made and compared to atomic structure calculations. In addition we provide calculations of scalar and tensor polarizabilities for clock states over a range of wavelengths. This work provides the first step in evaluating the potential of this clock candidate and the calculations given will provide a useful reference for future experimental work.

II. EXPERIMENT SETUP

A. Apparatus

The experiments are performed in a four-rod linear Paul trap with axial end caps, similar to the ones described in [17, 18]. The trap consists of four stainless steel rods of diameter 1.0 mm whose centers are arranged on the vertices of a square with 3.6 mm length of the side. A 3.6 MHz rf potential is applied via a step-up transformer to two diagonally opposing electrodes. A small DC voltage applied to the other two electrodes ensures a splitting of the transverse trapping frequencies. Axial confinement is provided by two axial pins separated by 7 mm. Using this configuration, the measured trap-

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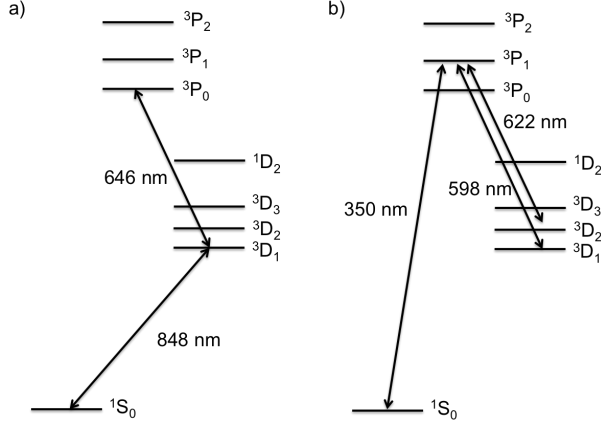


FIG. 1. Lu^+ level structure showing (a) the 848 nm clock and 646 nm detection transitions and (b) the repumping lasers used to optically pump into and out of the 3D_1 level.

ping frequencies are $(\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z)/2\pi \approx (350, 300, 80)$ kHz. These frequencies were measured using $^{138}\text{Ba}^+$ which is used throughout for continuous sympathetic cooling.

The level structure for Lu^+ is given in Fig. 1 showing the 1S_0 to 3D_1 clock transition, and the 3D_1 to 3P_0 transition for detection and cooling. Optical pumping and state preparation is achieved via the 3P_1 level. The experiments reported here use $^{175}\text{Lu}^+$ which has a nuclear spin $I = 7/2$. The 350 nm laser is a frequency doubled diode and addresses the 1S_0 $F = 7/2$ to 3P_1 $F' = 7/2$ transition. It propagates orthogonal to a 0.5 mT B-field and is linearly polarized along the direction of the field. The measured optical pumping time out of the 1S_0 level is 2 μs which is the $1/e$ decay time of the 1S_0 population. The 598 nm laser is also a frequency doubled diode laser and addresses the 3D_1 $F = 9/2$ to 3P_1 $F' = 9/2$ transition. Optical pumping out of the 3D_1 level is achieved in conjunction with the 646 nm laser and the measured optical pumping time is 6 μs . The 622 nm laser is a multimode laser which is sufficiently broad to address all hyperfine states of the 3D_2 to 3P_1 transition and the measured optical pumping time is 10 μs . Both the 598 nm and 622 nm laser are linearly polarized and propagate along the B-field.

B. Detection

As shown in Fig. 1, detection is achieved via scattering on the 3D_1 to 3P_0 levels. To address the three separate hyperfine levels, a wideband electro-optic modulator (EOM) generates sidebands of approximately 8 GHz which are separated from the carrier using a cavity. The carrier is frequency shifted via an acousto-optic modulator (AOM) before being recombined with the sidebands. This provides independent frequency control of all three beams. All beams are linearly polarized and propagate

along the 0.5 mT B-field.

Fluorescence at 646 nm is collected onto an avalanche photodiode (APD). A narrowband filter eliminates scattered light from all other light sources including the 650 nm light used for cooling $^{138}\text{Ba}^+$. This allows continuous sympathetic cooling throughout the $^{175}\text{Lu}^+$ detection window. Since the ion is continuously cooled, we can operate at near full saturation for optimum detection efficiency and we typically achieve a mean photon count rate of $\gtrsim 5$ photons/ms.

For the experiments reported here, we desire a detection scheme to determine when the ion goes bright (dark) with high detection efficiency. To do this we use a Bayesian detection scheme similar to that reported in [19]. From the number of photons collected in a given detection time step, we update the probability that the ion is in a bright state via

$$P(b|n) = \frac{P(n|b)P(b)}{P(n|b)P(b) + P(n|d)P(d)}, \quad (1)$$

where $P(b|n)$ ($P(d|n)$) is the conditional probability the ion is in a bright (dark) state given n photons, $P(n|b)$ ($P(n|d)$) is the conditional probability of getting n photons given the ion is in a bright (dark) state, and $P(b)$ ($P(d)$) is the current probability the ion is in the bright (dark) state. The probability $P(b)$ is updated in real time via a field programmable gate array with the conditional probabilities $P(n|b)$ and $P(n|d)$ stored on chip. Detection is initiated with $P(b) = 0.5$ and terminated when $P(b)$ reaches pre-programmed thresholds for bright and dark states. We note that the performance of this scheme is insensitive to the choice of time step.

When continuously monitoring for a state change, $P(b)$ is initialised to 0.5 and updated in subsequent detection windows to $P(b|n)$ according to eq 1. If $P(b)$ falls below (above) 0.5, the ion is assumed to have gone dark (bright) and detection continues until the appropriate threshold is reached, in which case the state change is deemed verified. Alternatively, if $P(b)$ subsequently falls above (below) 0.5, the state change is deemed in error, and $P(b)$ is reinitialised to 0.5. The error rate for determining the ion is in the bright state is limited by hyperfine induced decay from $^3P_0^o$ to states other than 3D_1 . Thus $P(b)$ cannot achieve values arbitrarily close to one before the ion decays to a dark state. Similarly, determination of the 3D_2 dark state is limited by possible decay to the 3D_1 .

For the experiments reported in section III D, we also require an accurate estimate of the total collection efficiency. This is achieved using $^{138}\text{Ba}^+$ by repeated cycles of optical pumping between the $S_{1/2}$ and $D_{3/2}$ levels. Optically pumping from $S_{1/2}$ to $D_{3/2}$, produces precisely one 650 nm photon. From the photons collected over several million cycles we infer a collection efficiency of 0.00326(2).

TABLE I. Branching ratios for decay from $^3P_1^o$. Theoretical values are from calculations given in section IV B.

Lower level	Exp.	Theory
$6s^2\ ^1S_0$	0.3915(44)	0.376
$6s5d\ ^3D_1$	0.1862(17)	0.186
$6s5d\ ^3D_2$	0.4178(45)	0.435
$6s5d\ ^1D_2$	0.00438(18)	0.0036

III. MEASUREMENTS

A. $^3P_1^o$ branching ratios

Optical pumping via the $^3P_1^o$ level results in undesired population of the 1D_2 metastable level. The $^3P_1^o$ level decays to 1S_0 , 3D_1 , 3D_2 and 1D_2 with respective decay rates W_0, W_1, W_2 , and W_3 and branching ratios $B_k = W_k / \sum W_k$. Since $\sum B_k = 1$ we need three more equations to uniquely determine W_k . This is achieved via three separate optical pumping experiments.

We first prepare the ion in 3D_1 by optically pumping with the 350, 622, and 646 nm lasers until the ion is bright. For this step, we set the threshold count rate to a high value to ensure the initial state is bright with high probability. We then optically pump the ion into 1S_0 (3D_2) using the 646, 598 and 622 (350) nm lasers. The ion is then pumped out of the 1S_0 (3D_2) level using the 350 (622) nm laser and the population, P_0 (P_1), in 3D_1 is measured. Neglecting any decay of population appearing in 1D_2 we have

$$P_0 = \frac{B_0}{B_0 + B_3} \frac{B_1}{1 - B_0}, \quad P_1 = \frac{B_2}{B_2 + B_3} \frac{B_1}{1 - B_2} \quad (2)$$

Similarly, optical pumping to 3D_2 , followed by optical pumping with both the 350, and 622 nm lasers, gives a population, P_2 , in the 3D_1 level of

$$P_2 = \frac{B_2}{B_2 + B_3} \frac{B_1}{1 - B_0 - B_2}. \quad (3)$$

For each P_k , 2×10^4 measurements were made giving $P_0 = 0.3027(32)$, $P_1 = 0.3166(33)$ and $P_2 = 0.9669(13)$. The inferred branching ratios from these measurements are given in table I along with theoretical estimates from section IV B. The error bars given are the statistical error. The main systematic is due to decay of the 1D_2 during optical pumping. Since the measured optical pumping times for each laser is $\sim 10 \mu s$, which is much less than the 1D_2 lifetime as discussed in the next section, the effect of the decay is less than the statistical error.

There is fair agreement between the experimental and theoretical results with the three main decay channels being within 4%. The larger discrepancy of $\sim 18\%$ for decay to 1D_2 can be expected given the significantly smaller decay rate.

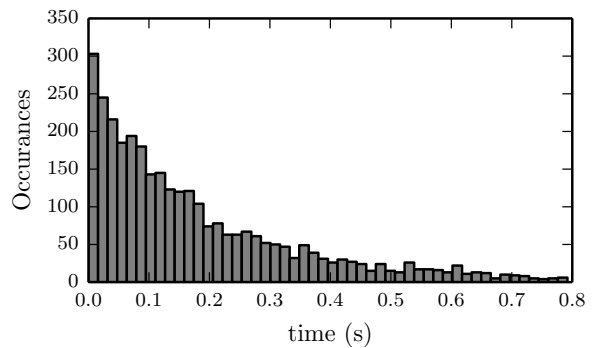


FIG. 2. Histogram of dark times associated with the 1D_2 decay. We have omitted all times less than 200 ms or greater than 1 s with 200 ms subtracted of the remaining times.

B. 1D_2 Lifetime

To measure the 1D_2 lifetime, we first optically pump to this level using the 350, 598, 622, and 646 nm lasers. After (10 ms), we switch off the 598 nm laser and monitor fluorescence of the 646 nm light. The 1D_2 lifetime is due to an $E2$ decay to 1S_0 . However, spin mixing gives a small contribution from $M1$ transitions to 3D_2 as discussed in section IV B and values of relevant transitions are tabulated in table V. Decay to 3D_3 occurs with a branching ratio $\sim 1\%$ and the lifetime of this state is > 10 s. Hence, these decays are infrequent and result in very long dark periods. Decay to 3D_2 or 1S_0 occurs with probability q_S . These levels are optically pumped to the detection level, 3D_1 , with a small probability, p_S , of being repumped back to 1D_2 . Neglecting effects of decays to 3D_3 and optical pumping times, the distribution of dark times is exponential with a rate $W_S^{(m)} = (1 - p_S q_S) W_S$ where W_S is the total linewidth of the 1D_2 level. In Fig. 2, we give the measured distribution of dark times from which we infer $W_S^{(m)} = 5.41(12) \text{ s}^{-1}$. For this data we have eliminated all times less than 200 ms or greater than 1 s with 200 ms subtracted of the remaining times. Eliminating times less than 200 ms removes any data points resulting from imperfect optical pumping to the 1D_2 level, and eliminating all times greater than 1 s eliminates a small number of events associated with decay into 3D_3 . Denoting the $M1$ decay rates from 1D_2 to 3D_2 by $W_{S,J}$ and the $E2$ decay rate from 1D_2 to 1S_0 by $W_{S,0}$, we can express the total linewidth, W_S , by

$$W_{S,0} = \frac{W_S^{(m)} - (W_{S,1} + W_{S,3})}{1 - p_S} - W_{S,2}, \quad (4)$$

and

$$W_S = \frac{W_S^{(m)}}{1 - p_S} - \frac{p_S}{1 - p_S} (W_{S,1} + W_{S,3}), \quad (5)$$

where we have used the fact that

$$q_S = \frac{W_{S,0} + W_{S,2}}{W_S}. \quad (6)$$

In terms of the branching ratios, B_k , from section III A, we have

$$p_S = \frac{B_3}{B_1 + B_3}. \quad (7)$$

This maybe determined from the measurements, P_k , made in section III A and we infer $p_S = 0.02297(88)$. From the calculated $M1$ transition rates given in table V we infer decay rates $5.20(12)\text{ s}^{-1}$ and $5.53(12)\text{ s}^{-1}$ for $W_{S,0}$ and W_S respectively. The errors given include only the statistical uncertainty from the experimental measurements. We note that the measured rates are $\sim 30\%$ larger than the theoretical estimates given in section IV B.

C. 3D_2 Lifetime

We measure the 3D_2 lifetime similar to the 1D_2 case. We first optically pump to 3D_2 using the 350, 598, and 646 nm lasers. After (10 ms), we switch off the 598 nm laser and monitor fluorescence of the 646 nm light. The 3D_2 lifetime is due to a spin forbidden $E2$ decay to 1S_0 with a small contribution from an $M1$ decay to 3D_1 . Decays to 1S_0 result in optical pumping to 3D_1 and repumping to 3D_2 . Neglecting optical pumping times, the distribution of dark times is also exponential with a rate $W_T^{(m)} = (1 - p_T q_T)W_T$, where p_T is the probability of being repumped from 1S_0 to 3D_2 and q_T is the branching ratio for decay from 3D_2 to 1S_0 . In Fig.3, we give the measured distribution of dark times from which we infer $W_T^{(m)} = 0.022(1)\text{ s}^{-1}$. Note that, for each dark cycle, optically pumping to the $^3P_1^o$ can result in population of 1D_2 which extends the optical pumping time. Since the probability that this occurs is small and the lifetime of this state is much less than the measured mean dark time we may neglect this effect.

We can express the $E2$ decay rate, $W_{T,0}$, and total linewidth W_T as

$$W_{T,0} = \frac{1}{1 - p_T} (W_T^{(m)} - W_{2,1}) \quad (8)$$

and

$$W_T = \frac{W_T^{(m)}}{1 - p_T} - \frac{p_T}{1 - p_T} W_{2,1} \quad (9)$$

where $W_{2,1}$ is the $M1$ decay rate for the 3D_2 to 3D_1 transition and we have used the fact that

$$q_T = \frac{W_{T,0}}{W_T}. \quad (10)$$

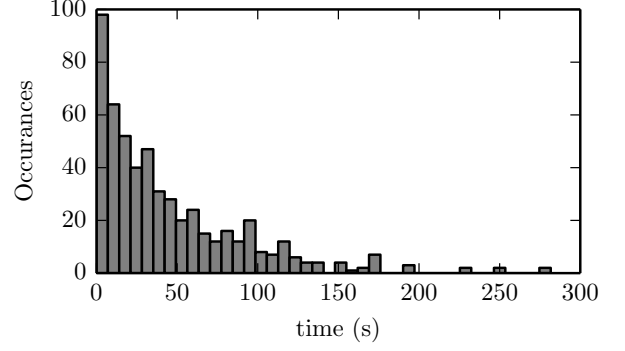


FIG. 3. Histogram of dark times associated with the 3D_2 decay.

In terms of the branching ratios, B_k , from section III A, we have

$$p_T = \frac{B_2}{1 - B_0}. \quad (11)$$

This maybe determined from the measurements, P_k , made in section III A and we infer $p_T = 0.6917(33)$. Together with the calculated $M1$ transition rates given in table V we infer decay rates $0.0519(33)$ and $0.0579(33)$ for $W_{T,0}$ and W_T respectively. The errors given include only the statistical uncertainty from the experimental measurements. We note that the measured rates are $\sim 25\%$ larger than the theoretical estimates given in section IV B.

Given that the measured lifetime is very long, measurements could potentially be compromised by off-resonant scattering out of 3D_2 by the Barium cooling lasers, the 350 repump laser or the 646 nm detection beam. Of these, the most significant scattering rate is from coupling to the $5d5p\ ^3F_2$ level by the 350 nm laser. From dipole matrix elements given in table II and a measured intensity of $\sim 500\text{ mW/cm}^2$, the scattering rate from 3D_2 to 3D_1 averaged over all possible 3D_2 states is $\sim 3.5 \times 10^{-5}\text{ s}^{-1}$. This less than 1% of the calculated $M1$ decay rate between these states and so contributes much less than the statistical error to the overall decay rates. We can expect scattering rates to 3D_3 and 1D_2 to be of a similar magnitude and thus equally negligible.

D. Hyperfine quenching of $^3P_0^o$.

Decay from $^3P_0^o$ to 3D_1 is the only dipole allowed transition from $^3P_0^o$. However, the hyperfine interaction induces a low multipole electromagnetic decay to other states. In the case of Lu^+ , this results in a quenching of the fluorescence rate for the 3D_1 to $^3P_0^o$ detection channel. When fluorescing on this transition, the rate of scattering out of the detection channel is given by

$$\lambda = w\rho_{ee} = \frac{w}{W} \frac{\langle n \rangle}{q\tau_D} \quad (12)$$

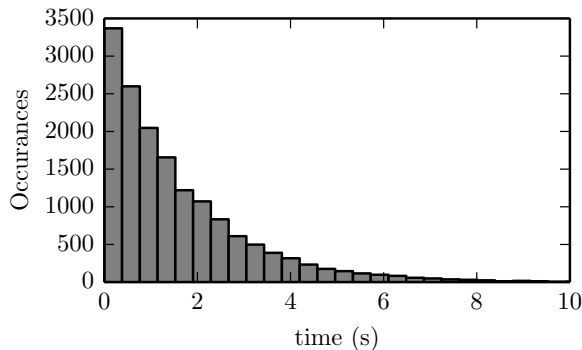


FIG. 4. Histogram of bright times when fluorescing on the 3D_1 to $^3P_0^o$ transition.

where W is the linewidth of the upper state, w is the total decay rate from $^3P_0^o$ to states other than 3D_1 , $\langle n \rangle$ is the background subtracted mean number of photons collected in a time τ_D , and q is the overall detection efficiency of the imaging system. Measuring λ involves determining when the ion goes dark and so the measured rate must also include the error rate in that determination. Even an error rate of 10^{-3} in a 1 ms detection time would result in a significant contribution to the measured rate. Since there is negligible probability of repumping from the dark state back to the bright state, we can repeatedly test a dark state event to confirm the measurement similar to the approach reported in [19].

To measure λ , we first optically pump using 350, 622, and 646 nm lasers until the ion is bright. For this step, we set the threshold count rate to a high value to ensure the initial state is bright with high probability. We then switch off the repump lasers and monitor the time the ion remains fluorescent. The distribution of bright times is given in Fig.4 which gives a fitted value of $\lambda = 0.624(5)$. Using measured count rates for the bright and dark states of 6.290(5) and 0.560(3) per ms respectively, together with the measured detection efficiency of 0.00326(2) we infer a ratio $w/W = 3.55(6) \times 10^{-7}$. We used an artificial background to match the photon count rate of a bright ion to determine the contribution of the measured rate from detection errors. Out of 10^5 events we obtained an average detection time of 6 ms with no errors found. This bounds the contribution to $< 0.0016/s$ which is well below the statistical uncertainty.

Decay out of the detection channel is dominated by decays from $^3P_0^o$ to 1S_0 and 3D_2 . In two separate experiments, we determine the contribution from each of these decays by repumping using either 350 or 622 after the ion is confirmed dark and measure the fraction returning to the bright state. From these measurements and the branching ratios determined in section III A the percentage of decays going to 1S_0 and 3D_2 are 0.497(19) and 0.562(30) respectively. These values are in reasonable agreement with theoretical values given in table VIII.

IV. THEORY

In this section we give details of atomic structure calculations. We start with polarizabilities of relevant clock states, namely the $6s^2\ ^1S_0$, $5d6s\ ^3D_1$, and $5d6s\ ^3D_2$ levels. We then determine lifetimes and branching ratios for low-lying levels, followed by a determination of the quenching rate of the $^3P_0^o$ level.

A. Polarizabilities

We evaluated the scalar static and dynamic polarizabilities of the $6s^2\ ^1S_0$, $5d6s\ ^3D_1$, and $5d6s\ ^3D_2$ states of Lu^+ using the high-precision relativistic method that combines configuration interaction (CI) and linearized coupled-cluster (all-order) method [20]. In this CI+all-order method, the energies and wave functions are determined from the time-independent multiparticle Schrödinger equation

$$H_{\text{eff}}(E_n)\Phi_n = E_n\Phi_n, \quad (13)$$

where the effective Hamiltonian is defined as

$$H_{\text{eff}}(E) = H_{\text{FC}} + \Sigma(E). \quad (14)$$

Here H_{FC} is the Hamiltonian in the frozen core approximation and Σ is the energy-dependent correction, which takes into account virtual core excitations in all orders. To establish the importance of the higher-order corrections, we also carried out the calculations constructing the effective Hamiltonian using second-order many-body perturbation theory (CI+MBPT method) [21].

We separate the scalar dynamic polarizability $\alpha(\omega)$ into three parts:

$$\alpha(\omega) = \alpha_v(\omega) + \alpha_c(\omega) + \alpha_{vc}(\omega), \quad (15)$$

where α_v is the valence polarizability, α_c is the ionic core polarizability, and a small term α_{vc} that corrects ionic core polarizability for the Pauli principle-violating excitations to occupied valence shells.

The valence part of the a.c. electric dipole polarizability of the $|0\rangle$ state is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_v(\omega) &= 2 \sum_k \frac{(E_k - E_0) |\langle \Phi_0 | D_0 | \Phi_k \rangle|^2}{(E_k - E_0)^2 - \omega^2} \\ &= \sum_k \left[\frac{|\langle \Phi_0 | D_0 | \Phi_k \rangle|^2}{E_k - E_0 + \omega} + \frac{|\langle \Phi_0 | D_0 | \Phi_k \rangle|^2}{E_k - E_0 - \omega} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where D_0 is the z -component of the effective electric dipole operator \mathbf{D} , defined in atomic units ($\hbar = m = |e| = 1$) as $\mathbf{D} = -\mathbf{r}$. The effective (or “dressed”) electric dipole operator includes random-phase approximation (RPA), core-Brueckner (σ), structural radiation (SR), and normalization corrections which are described in detail in [22]. In order to accurately account for highly-

TABLE II. Contributions to the $6s^2\ ^1S_0$, $5d6s\ ^3D_1$, and $5d6s\ ^3D_2$ scalar static polarizabilities of Lu^+ in a.u. The contributions to the valence polarizabilities of several lowest-lying intermediate states are listed separately with the corresponding absolute values of electric-dipole reduced matrix elements given in column labeled “ D ”. The theoretical and experimental [23] transition energies are given in columns ΔE_{th} and ΔE_{expt} . The remaining valence contributions to the 1S_0 polarizability are given in row labeled “Other”. For the 3D_1 and 3D_2 polarizabilities we present the contribution of other (not explicitly listed in the table) intermediate states with fixed total angular momentum J_n in rows labeled “Other ($J_n = 0, 1, 2, 3$)”. In rows labeled “Total ($J_n = 0, 1, 2, 3$)” we give total contribution of *all* intermediate states with fixed total angular momentum J_n . In rows “Total val.” we present the total values of α_v . The contributions from the α_c and α_{vc} terms are listed together in rows labeled “Core + Vc”. The dominant contributions to the polarizabilities, listed in columns $\alpha[\text{A}]$ and $\alpha[\text{B}]$, are calculated with the experimental [23] and theoretical energies, respectively.

State	Contribution	ΔE_{th}	ΔE_{expt}	D^a	$\alpha[\text{A}]$	$\alpha[\text{B}]$
$6s^2\ ^1S_0$	$6s^2\ ^1S_0 - 6s6p\ ^3P_1^o$	29073	28503	0.820	3.45	3.39
	$6s^2\ ^1S_0 - 6s6p\ ^1P_1^o$	38862	38223	3.518	47.38	46.60
	$6s^2\ ^1S_0 - 5d6p\ ^3D_1^o$	46593	45532	0.811	2.11	2.07
	$6s^2\ ^1S_0 - 5d6p\ ^3P_1^o$	51285	50049	0.447	0.59	0.57
	$6s^2\ ^1S_0 - 5d6p\ ^1P_1^o$	60214	59122	1.354	4.54	4.46
	Other				2.03	2.03
	Total val.				60.10	59.11
	Core + Vc				3.92	3.92
	Total				64.02	63.03
	Recommended					63.0
$5d6s\ ^3D_1$	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 6s6p\ ^3P_0^o$	15297	15468	1.480	6.91	6.99
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^3P_0^o$	38664	38167	1.892	4.57	4.52
	Other ($J_n = 0$)				0.33	0.33
	Total ($J_n = 0$)				11.82	11.83
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 6s6p\ ^3P_1^o$	16521	16707	1.287	4.83	4.89
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^3D_1^o$	34041	33736	2.391	8.26	8.19
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^3P_1^o$	38733	38253	2.089	5.56	5.49
	Other ($J_n = 1$)				0.59	0.59
	Total ($J_n = 1$)				19.25	19.16
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 6s6p\ ^3P_2^o$	20510	20657	0.351	0.29	0.29
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^3F_2^o$	29925	29429	2.741	12.46	12.25
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^1D_2^o$	34094	33662	1.716	4.27	4.21
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^3D_2^o$	35488	35108	2.259	7.09	7.01
	$5d6s\ ^3D_1 - 5d6p\ ^3P_2^o$	39899	39405	0.555	0.38	0.38
	Other ($J_n = 2$)				4.50	4.50
	Total ($J_n = 2$)				28.99	28.65
	Total val.				60.05	59.64
	Core + Vc				3.84	3.84
	Total				63.89	63.48
	Recommended					63.5
$5d6s\ ^3D_2$	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 6s6p\ ^3P_1^o$	15867	16068	2.084	7.91	8.01
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 6s6p\ ^1P_1^o$	25656	25788	0.814	0.75	0.76
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 5d6p\ ^3D_1^o$	33387	33097	1.986	3.49	3.46
	Other ($J_n = 1$)				5.26	5.26
	Total ($J_n = 1$)				17.41	17.49
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 6s6p\ ^3P_2^o$	19857	20018	1.220	2.18	2.19
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 5d6p\ ^3F_2^o$	29271	28790	2.552	6.62	6.51
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 5d6p\ ^1D_2^o$	33440	33023	0.098	0.01	0.01
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 5d6p\ ^3D_2^o$	34834	34469	2.653	5.97	5.91
	Other ($J_n = 2$)				3.71	3.71
	Total ($J_n = 2$)				18.49	18.34
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 5d6p\ ^3F_3^o$	33052	32483	3.727	12.52	12.30
	$5d6s\ ^3D_2 - 5d6p\ ^3D_3^o$	36720	36298	2.748	6.09	6.02
	Other ($J_n = 3$)				4.13	4.13
	Total ($J_n = 3$)				22.73	22.45
	Total val.				58.63	58.27
	Core + Vc				3.84	3.84
	Total				62.47	62.10
	Recommended					62.1

^aThe values are obtained in the CI + all-order approximation and include RPA, σ , SR, and normalization corrections.

excited discrete states and a continuum we calculated $\alpha_v(\omega)$ using inhomogeneous equation in valence space rather than sum-over states formula given by Eq. (16). We use the Sternheimer [24] or Dalgarno-Lewis [25] method implemented in the framework of the CI+all-order approach following Ref. [26]. Given the Φ_0 wave function and energy E_0 of the $|0\rangle$ state, we find intermediate-state wave functions $\delta\psi_{\pm}$ from the inhomogeneous equation,

$$\begin{aligned} |\delta\psi_{\pm}\rangle &= \frac{1}{H_{\text{eff}} - E_0 \pm \omega} \sum_k |\Phi_k\rangle \langle \Phi_k | D_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{H_{\text{eff}} - E_0 \pm \omega} D_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Using Eq. (16) and $\delta\psi_{\pm}$ introduced above, we obtain

$$\alpha_v(\omega) = \langle \Phi_0 | D_0 | \delta\psi_+ \rangle + \langle \Phi_0 | D_0 | \delta\psi_- \rangle, \quad (18)$$

where superscript v emphasizes that only excitations of the valence electrons are included in the intermediate-state wave functions $\delta\psi_{\pm}$ due to the presence of H_{eff} .

1. Static polarizabilities

In case of static polarizabilities, $\omega = 0$, Eq. (16) is written as

$$\alpha_v(0) = 2 \sum_k \frac{|\langle \Phi_0 | D_0 | \Phi_k \rangle|^2}{E_k - E_0}. \quad (19)$$

While we do not use the sum-over-states approach in the calculation of the polarizabilities, it is important to establish the dominant contributions to the final values for the purpose of estimating theoretical uncertainties. We combine the electric-dipole matrix elements and energies according to the sum-over-states formula, Eq. (19), for the valence polarizability to calculate the contributions of specific transitions between low-lying states and these are given in table II. Remaining valence contributions of higher-lying states are given in rows labeled “Other”.

We have carried out two calculations of the dominant contributions of the intermediate states to the polarizabilities. In the first calculation (Column $\alpha[\text{B}]$ in Table II) we used our theoretical values of the energy levels in the denominator of Eq. (19). In the second calculation (Column $\alpha[\text{A}]$ in Table II) we used experimental energies, where available. Corresponding theoretical and experimental [23] transition energies are given in columns ΔE_{th} and ΔE_{expt} in cm^{-1} . The difference between the results is -1.6% for the 1S_0 polarizability and -0.6% for the 3D_1 and 3D_2 polarizabilities, demonstrating that deviation of our theoretical energies from the experimental values does not significantly affect overall accuracy of the polarizabilities. The absolute values of the corresponding reduced electric-dipole matrix elements in a.u. are listed in columns labeled “ D ”. These are calculated using the

TABLE III. The scalar (α_0) and tensor (α_2) polarizabilities, obtained in the CI+MBPT+RPA, CI+all-order+RPA, and CI+all-order+AC approximations (where “AC” means *all corrections*) are presented (in a.u.) in columns (1), (2), and (3), correspondingly. Final (recommended) values are given in the last column. The uncertainties are given in parentheses.

Polarizability	(1)	(2)	(3)	Final
,[-0.3pc] $\alpha_0(6s^2\ ^1S_0)$	62.5	63.3	63.0	63.0(0.8)
$\alpha_0(5d6s\ ^3D_1)$	61.5	64.3	63.5	63.5(2.8)
$\alpha_2(5d6s\ ^3D_1)$	-4.8	-5.2	-5.1	-5.1(4)
$\alpha_0(5d6s\ ^3D_2)$	60.3	62.9	62.1	62.1(2.6)
$\alpha_2(5d6s\ ^3D_2)$	-5.1	-5.7	-5.6	-5.6(6)
$\alpha_0(^3D_1) - \alpha_0(^1S_0)$	-1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
$\alpha_0(^3D_2) - \alpha_0(^1S_0)$	-2.2	-0.4	-0.9	-0.9

CI + all-order method and include RPA, σ , SR, and normalization corrections. Calculation of the RPA, σ , and SR corrections is discussed in [22].

The contributions from α_c and α_{vc} terms evaluated in the RPA approximation are listed together in rows labeled “Core +Vc”. Taking into account that the main contribution to the 3D_1 and 3D_2 levels comes from the $5d_{3/2}6s$ configuration (99% and 80%, respectively), we determined α_{vc} terms for the $^3D_{1,2}$ polarizabilities as $\alpha_{vc}(5d_{3/2}) + \alpha_{vc}(6s)$. In rows labeled “Total” we present the total values of the scalar static 1S_0 , 3D_1 , and 3D_2 polarizabilities. Our final values are given in rows labeled “Recommended”.

To determine uncertainties of the polarizabilities we have also calculated them using two other approximations: the CI+MBPT+RPA and CI+all-order+RPA. In both cases only RPA corrections were included. CI+MBPT method omits higher-order core-valence correlations. The results obtained in the CI+MBPT+RPA, CI+all-order+RPA, and CI+all-order+AC approximations (where abbreviation “AC” means *all corrections*, including RPA, σ , SR, and normalization) are presented in Table III in columns (1), (2), and (3), correspondingly.

We consider the results obtained in the CI+all-order+AC approximation as the final values according to Sr study [27]. Comparison of the data in columns (2) and (3) in Table III illustrates that the corrections beyond RPA only slightly change the values of the 1S_0 and $^3D_{1,2}$ polarizabilities. We estimate the polarizability uncertainties as the spread of the results in columns (1), (2), and (3).

2. Dynamic polarizabilities

We have also calculated the dynamic scalar and tensor polarizabilities for the 1S_0 , 3D_1 , and 3D_2 states for the wavelengths of experimental interest. The results, presented in Table IV, are obtained in the framework of the

TABLE IV. The dynamic scalar (α_0), tensor (α_2), and differential $\Delta_{1,2} \equiv \alpha_0(^3D_{1,2}) - \alpha_0(^1S_0)$ polarizabilities (in a.u.), obtained in the CI+all-order+AC approximation, are calculated for the wavelengths (frequencies) given in 1st (2nd) line.

λ (nm)		847.7	1064	1560	1760	10600
ω (a.u.)		0.05375	0.04282	0.02921	0.02589	0.00430
$6s^2\ ^1S_0$	α_0	68.9	66.6	64.6	64.3	63.0
$5d6s\ ^3D_1$	α_0	85.4	73.9	67.6	66.6	63.6
	α_2	-13.0	-8.3	-6.2	-5.9	-5.1
$5d6s\ ^3D_2$	α_0	79.6	70.9	65.6	64.8	62.2
	α_2	-14.1	-9.1	-6.8	-6.5	-5.6
	Δ_1	16.5	7.3	2.9	2.3	0.5
	Δ_2	10.7	4.3	1.0	0.5	-0.9

CI+all-order+AC approximation, i.e., all corrections to the matrix elements are included.

In Fig. 5 we plot differential scalar polarizabilities $\alpha(^3D_1) - \alpha(^1S_0)$ and $\alpha(^3D_2) - \alpha(^1S_0)$ represented by red solid and blue dashed lines, respectively, vs. the wavelength λ . The vertical dotted lines correspond to $\lambda = 1064$ and 1560 nm.

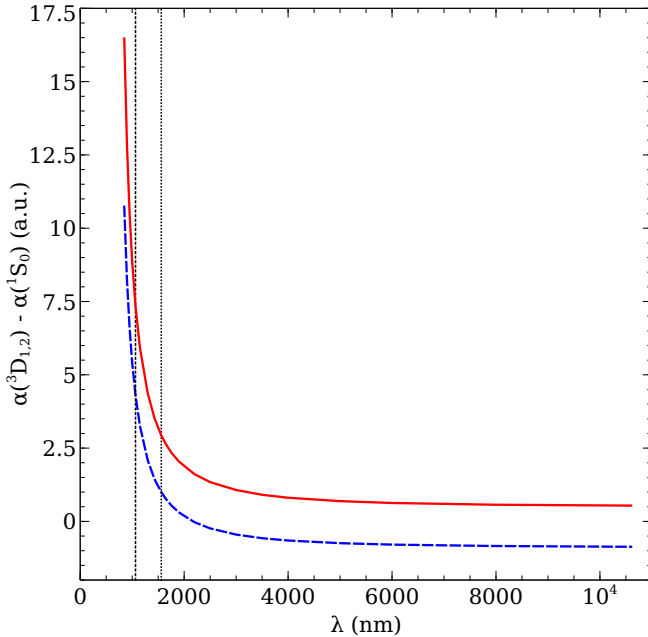


FIG. 5. (Color online) Differential scalar polarizabilities $\alpha(^3D_1) - \alpha(^1S_0)$ and $\alpha(^3D_2) - \alpha(^1S_0)$ represented by red solid and blue dashed lines, respectively, vs. the wavelength λ . The vertical dotted lines correspond to $\lambda = 1064$ and 1560 nm.

B. Lifetimes of the low-lying states

In Table V, we list the lifetimes τ of the low-lying $6s6p\ ^3,1P_J^o$ and $5d6s\ ^3,1D_J$ states together with most important reduced matrix elements, and relevant transition rates and branching ratios.

The $E1$, $E2$, and $M1$ transition probabilities (in s^{-1}) are obtained in terms of reduced matrix elements (MEs) of the electric-dipole, electric-quadrupole, and magnetic-dipole operators, and transition frequencies ω as

$$W_{E1}(\gamma J \rightarrow \gamma' J') = 2.02613 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{\omega^3 \langle \gamma' J' || D || \gamma J \rangle^2}{2J+1},$$

$$W_{E2}(\gamma J \rightarrow \gamma' J') = 1.11995 \cdot 10^{-22} \frac{\omega^5 \langle \gamma' J' || Q_E || \gamma J \rangle^2}{2J+1},$$

$$W_{M1}(\gamma J \rightarrow \gamma' J') = 2.69735 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{\omega^3 \langle \gamma' J' || \mu || \gamma J \rangle^2}{2J+1}.$$

In these equations, MEs of the $E1$ and $E2$ operators are expressed in a.u., MEs of the $M1$ operator in Bohr magnetons (μ_0), and the decay rates ω are expressed in cm^{-1} .

We determine the lifetimes, listed in the last column of Table V, as $\tau = 1/W_{\text{tot}}$ with $W_{\text{tot}} \equiv \sum_k W_k$, where W_k are the individual decay rates. The branching ratios, B_k , are determined as $B_k = W_k/W_{\text{tot}}$.

To estimate uncertainty of theoretical values, we calculate the following decay rates:

$$\begin{aligned} W_0 &\equiv W(6s6p\ ^3P_1^o \rightarrow 6s^2\ ^1S_0), \\ W_1 &\equiv W(6s6p\ ^3P_1^o \rightarrow 5d6s\ ^3D_1), \\ W_2 &\equiv W(6s6p\ ^3P_1^o \rightarrow 5d6s\ ^3D_2), \\ W_3 &\equiv W(6s6p\ ^3P_1^o \rightarrow 5d6s\ ^1D_2), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

using three different methods: (1) CI+MBPT+RPA, (2) CI+all-order+RPA, and (3) CI+all-order+AC approximations. These results are given in Table VI. The spread of the values calculated in these approximations (1-3) gives an estimate of the uncertainties in the final results. Comparing the results obtained in the CI+all-order+RPA (2) and CI+all-order+AC (3) approximations, we find that the corrections beyond RPA play a very insignificant role and we take the results presented in columns labeled (3) as final.

C. Hyperfine quenching of a state with $J = 0$

Hyperfine quenching rate of a state with total angular momentum $J = 0$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} W(\gamma J = 0 \rightarrow \gamma' J') &= \frac{4\alpha^3 \omega^3}{3} \frac{1}{(2J+1)(2I+1)} \\ &\times \sum_k \frac{\langle I || N^{(k)} || I \rangle^2}{3(2k+1)} |S_k|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

TABLE V. The energies (in cm^{-1}) are counted from the ground $6s^2 1S_0$ state. 5th column gives type of transition. The reduced MEs of $E1$ and $E2$ operators (in a.u.) and $M1$ operator (in μ_0) are presented in 6th column. The individual decay rates, W_k (in s^{-1}), branching ratios (B_k), and lifetimes (τ) are listed in columns 7-9. These quantities are evaluated in the CI+all-order+AC approximation. The numbers in brackets represent powers of 10.

Upper level		Lower level		Trans-n	ME	W_k s^{-1}	B_k	τ
Term	Energy	Term	Energy					
Transitions from the even-parity states								
$6s5d^3D_1$	11796	$6s^2^1S_0$	0	$M1$	0.0006	5.14[-6]	1.00	1.95[+5] (s)
$6s5d^3D_2$	12435	$6s^2^1S_0$	0	$E2$	2.509	4.19[-2]	0.88	20.9 (s)
		$6s5d^3D_1$	11796	$E2$	4.523	4.88[-8]	0.00	
			11796	$M1$	2.055	5.94[-3]	0.12	
$6s5d^3D_3$	14199	$6s5d^3D_1$	11796	$E2$	1.601	3.29[-6]	0.00	10.8 (s)
		$6s5d^3D_2$	12435	$E2$	4.969	6.74[-6]	0.00	
			12435	$M1$	2.094	9.27[-2]	1.00	
$6s5d^1D_2$	17333	$6s^2^1S_0$	0	$E2$	10.63	3.96	0.92	0.23 (s)
		$6s5d^3D_1$	11796	$E2$	1.018	1.21[-4]	0.00	
			11796	$M1$	0.524	2.51[-1]	0.06	
		$6s5d^3D_2$	12435	$E2$	1.319	1.10[-4]	0.00	
			12435	$M1$	0.218	3.01[-2]	0.01	
		$6s5d^3D_3$	14199	$E2$	1.327	1.19[-5]	0.00	
			14199	$M1$	0.531	4.68[-2]	0.01	
		Transitions from the odd-parity states						
$6s6p^3P_0^\circ$	27264	$5d6s^3D_1$	11796	$E1$	1.480	1.64[+7]	1.00	61.0 (ns)
$6s6p^3P_1^\circ$	28503	$6s^2^1S_0$	0	$E1$	0.820	1.05[+7]	0.38	35.7 (ns)
		$5d6s^3D_1$	11796	$E1$	1.287	5.22[+6]	0.19	
		$5d6s^3D_2$	12435	$E1$	2.084	1.22[+7]	0.43	
		$5d6s^1D_2$	17333	$E1$	0.329	1.00[+5]	< 0.01	
$6s6p^3P_2^\circ$	32453	$5d6s^3D_1$	11796	$E1$	0.351	4.40[+5]	0.02	35.8 (ns)
		$5d6s^3D_2$	12435	$E1$	1.220	4.84[+6]	0.17	
		$5d6s^3D_3$	14199	$E1$	3.015	2.24[+7]	0.80	
		$5d6s^1D_2$	17333	$E1$	0.445	2.77[+5]	0.01	
$6s6p^1P_1^\circ$	38224	$6s^2^1S_0$	0	$E1$	3.518	4.67[+8]	0.95	20.8 (ns)
		$5d6s^3D_2$	12435	$E1$	0.814	7.67[+6]	0.02	
		$5d6s^1D_2$	17333	$E1$	0.994	6.08[+6]	0.01	

TABLE VI. The decay rates W_k determined by Eq. (20) (in s^{-1}) and branching ratios, obtained in (1) CI+MBPT+RPA, (2) CI+all-order+RPA, and (3) CI+all-order+AC approximations, are listed. The experimental values from section III A are given in the last column. The numbers in brackets represent powers of 10.

Probabilities				Branching ratios				Experim.
	(1)	(2)	(3)		(1)	(2)	(3)	
W_0	1.24[+7]	1.07[+7]	1.05[+7]	B_0	0.408	0.375	0.376	0.392
W_1	5.33[+6]	5.33[+6]	5.22[+6]	B_1	0.176	0.186	0.186	0.186
W_2	1.25[+7]	1.25[+7]	1.22[+7]	B_2	0.413	0.435	0.434	0.418
W_3	9.59[+4]	1.02[+5]	1.00[+5]	B_3	0.00316	0.00357	0.00357	0.00436

where ω is the $(\gamma J = 0 \rightarrow \gamma' J')$ transition frequency and

$$S_k \equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{2k+1}} \sum_{\gamma_n} \frac{\langle \gamma' J' || D || \gamma_n J_n \rangle \langle \gamma_n J_n || T^{(k)} || \gamma J = 0 \rangle}{E_n - E_{\gamma J}} + \sum_{\gamma_m J_m \neq \gamma' J'} \frac{\langle \gamma' J' || T^{(k)} || \gamma_m J_m \rangle \langle \gamma_m J_m || D || \gamma J = 0 \rangle}{E_m - E_{\gamma' J'}}, \quad (22)$$

where Q , μ , and $T^{(k)}$ are defined in Appendix A. The $^{175}\text{Lu}^+$ ion has the nuclear spin $I = 7/2$. Its nuclear magnetic moment μ , expressed in nuclear magnetons μ_N , is $\mu/\mu_N = 2.2323(11)$ [28] and the nuclear quadrupole moment $Q = 3.49(2)$ barn [29].

In Table VII we list absolute values of the reduced ma-

trix elements of $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(2)}$ operators. To illustrate the role of different corrections, we carried out 3 calculations and found the MEs in (1) CI+MBPT+RPA, (2) CI+all-order+RPA, and (3) CI+all-order+AC approximations. Respective values are listed in the table in columns labeled “(1)”, “(2)”, and “(3)”.

In contrast with the MEs of the electric-dipole operator, the corrections beyond RPA (σ , SR, and normalization) are large for the matrix elements of $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(2)}$ operators. They contribute to large MEs at the level of 10% and even more to smaller MEs. In particular, it was essential to account for the structural radiation (SR) corrections for calculating the MEs of the $T^{(2)}$ operator between D_J states. The SR contributions are $\sim 20\%$ to $\langle 5d6s^3D_1 || T^{(2)} || 5d6s^3D_{2,3} \rangle$ and 40% to $\langle 5d6s^3D_1 || T^{(2)} || 5d6s^1D_2 \rangle$.

We note that while the RPA corrections were calculated to all orders, the corrections beyond RPA were obtained only in the 2nd order of MBPT, which usually overestimates respective contribution. For this reason our final (recommended) values are based on the results obtained in the CI+all-order+RPA approximation while the assigned uncertainties are determined as the differences between the CI+all-order+RPA and CI+all-order+AC values.

TABLE VII. The absolute values of MEs of the $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(2)}$ operators (in MHz) obtained in (1) CI+MBPT+RPA, (2) CI+all-order+RPA, and (3) CI+all-order+AC approximations are presented in columns labeled “(1)”, “(2)”, and “(3)”, correspondingly. The final values and assigned uncertainties (in parentheses) are given in last column.

ME	(1)	(2)	(3)	Final
$\langle 6s6p^3P_1^o T^{(1)} 6s6p^3P_0^o \rangle$	12427	11964	10833	11960(1000)
$\langle 6s6p^1P_1^o T^{(1)} 6s6p^3P_0^o \rangle$	4324	4352	3965	4350(400)
$\langle 5d6s^3D_1 T^{(1)} 5d6s^3D_2 \rangle$	19465	18682	16780	18680(1900)
$\langle 6s6p^3P_2^o T^{(2)} 6s6p^3P_0^o \rangle$	1789	1780	1672	1780(110)
$\langle 5d6s^3D_1 T^{(2)} 5d6s^3D_3 \rangle$	200	198	250	200(50)
$\langle 5d6s^3D_1 T^{(1)} 5d6s^1D_2 \rangle$	10718	10618	9750	10620(870)
$\langle 5d6s^3D_1 T^{(2)} 5d6s^1D_2 \rangle$	76	70	116	70(45)

We determined the hyperfine quenching rates for the $6s6p^3P_0^o$ state. We present the results obtained in (1) CI+MBPT+RPA, (2) CI+all-order+RPA, and (3) CI+all-order+AC approximations in Table VIII. The probability of the main $E1$ ($6s6p^3P_0^o - 5d6s^3D_1$) transition, $W^{(0)}$, is given in the 1st line. The quenching rates of the $6s6p^3P_0^o - 6s^2^1S_0$, $5d6s^3D_{2,3}$, $5d6s^1D_2$ transitions, calculated using Eqs. (21) and (22), are listed in lines 2-5, correspondingly. We sum all listed hyperfine quenching rates and present in last line of the table the branching ratio of this sum to $W^{(0)}$.

As we discussed above we consider the results obtained at the CI+all-order+RPA stage as the final (rec-

ommended) values as the calculations of other corrections beyond RPA is unreliable for the matrix elements of of the $T^{(k)}$ operators. The uncertainties were estimated as the largest difference between the CI+all-order+RPA results and the CI+MBPT+RPA and CI+all-order+AC values.

TABLE VIII. The $6s6p^3P_0^o - 5d6s^3D_1$ transition probability, $W^{(0)}$, is given in first line (in s^{-1}). The quenching rates of the $6s6p^3P_0^o - 6s^2^1S_0$, $5d6s^3D_{2,3}$, $5d6s^1D_2$ transitions, obtained in (1) CI+MBPT+RPA, (2) CI+all-order+RPA, and (3) CI+all-order+AC approximations, are listed (in s^{-1}) on lines 2-5, correspondingly. The branching ratios (BR) of the hyperfine quenching rates to $W^{(0)}$ are presented in last line. The uncertainties are given in parentheses. The numbers in brackets represent powers of 10.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	Final
$^3P_0^o - ^3D_1$	1.69[+7]	1.68[+7]	1.64[+7]	1.68(4)[+7]
$^3P_0^o - ^1S_0$	3.55	2.96	2.38	2.96(59)
$^3P_0^o - ^3D_2$	3.26	2.96	2.31	2.96(65)
$^3P_0^o - ^3D_3$	0.0011	0.0010	0.0008	0.0010(2)
$^3P_0^o - ^1D_2$	0.051	0.050	0.041	0.050(9)
BR	4.05[-7]	3.55[-7]	2.88[-7]	3.55(65)[-7]

V. DISCUSSION

We have measured several key properties of $^{175}\text{Lu}^+$ that are relevant to practical clock operation with this ion. Hyperfine induced mixing results in a small decay rate out the detection channel which is dominated by decay into the 1S_0 and 3D_2 levels. This rate provides a fundamental limit to the detection error rate given by $w/(Wq)$ which is the probability the ion is pumped dark with zero photons detected. For our current collection efficiency this gives a limit of 1.0×10^{-4} . The measured decay rate does not impose any limitations on cooling as most decays are to 1S_0 and 3D_2 which can be quickly repumped.

During clock operation occupation of the 1D_2 level would mostly occur due to repumping to 3D_1 . This occurs with a probability of approximately 2%. In typical clock operation, occupation is split between ground and excited state. So, on average, 1% of the cycles will be compromised provided the cycle time is large enough for the ion to decay from 1D_2 with reasonable probability before the next cycle begins. Occupation of the 3D_3 would result in significant dead-time. However, based on the analysis here, these events are infrequent, happening only once every 10^4 clock cycles. In a multi-ion clock [15] these considerations would only result in a very small number fluctuations such that additional repump lasers would not be necessary.

Calculation of polarizabilities given in section IV A indicate that the differential scalar polarizability, $\Delta\alpha$,

for the 1S_0 to 3D_1 may not be as reported in [16] and this would have immediate consequences for the proposal given in [15]. It is therefore essential to obtain an experimental value for this quantity. We have given calculations of $\Delta\alpha$ at a number of wavelengths that are readily accessible to us. Measurement of $\Delta\alpha$ at these wavelengths would serve as a useful benchmark for the calculations given here.

Intuitively we can expect $\Delta\alpha$ to be more negative for the 1S_0 to 3D_2 transition and we have also given associated calculations for this case as well. Measurements and calculations here demonstrate a suitable lifetime for clock operation. Although this transition would be more technically difficult to implement, systematic shifts would be significantly lower than for the 1S_0 to 3D_2 case. Contributions from the 3D_1 and 3D_3 levels have opposite sign resulting in a partial cancellation of the residual magnetic field shift for the average frequency. Furthermore, due to the reduced lifetime relative to the 3D_1 level, much less intensity is needed to drive the 1S_0 to 3D_2 transition resulting in a substantial reduction in the AC stark shift from the probe beam itself.

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Appendix A: The Hyperfine Interaction

The hyperfine structure (HFS) coupling due to nuclear multipole moments may be represented as a scalar product of two tensors of rank k ,

$$H_{\text{hfs}} = \sum_k H_{\text{hfs},k} = \sum_k (\mathbf{N}^{(k)} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{(k)}),$$

where $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$ and $\mathbf{T}^{(k)}$ act in the space of nuclear and electronic coordinates, respectively. Using this expression we write the H_{hfs} matrix element as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \gamma' I J'; F M_F | H_{\text{hfs}} | \gamma I J; F M_F \rangle &= (-1)^{I+J'+F} \\ &\times \sum_k \langle I || N^{(k)} || I \rangle \langle \gamma' J' || T^{(k)} || \gamma J \rangle \begin{Bmatrix} I & I & k \\ J & J' & F \end{Bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{I} is the nuclear spin, \mathbf{J} is the total angular momentum of the electrons, $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{I}$, M_F is the projection of

the total momentum \mathbf{F} to quantization axis, and γ encapsulates all other atomic quantum numbers.

Below, we restrict the treatment of H_{hfs} to the first two terms in the sum over k , i.e., we consider only the interaction of magnetic dipole and electric quadrupole nuclear moments with the electrons. Thus,

$$H_{\text{hfs}} \approx \mathbf{N}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{(1)} + \mathbf{N}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{(2)}.$$

It is convenient to express the matrix elements $\langle I || N^{(1)} || I \rangle$ and $\langle I || N^{(2)} || I \rangle$ through the nuclear magnetic dipole moment $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and nuclear electric quadrupole moment Q , respectively. They are defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \langle I M_I = I | \mu_z | I M_I = I \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} I & 1 & I \\ -I & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \langle I || \mu || I \rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{I}{(2I+1)(I+1)}} \langle I || \mu || I \rangle, \\ Q &= 2 \langle I M_I = I | Q_0^{(2)} | I M_I = I \rangle = 2 \begin{pmatrix} I & 2 & I \\ -I & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \langle I || Q || I \rangle \\ &= 2 \sqrt{\frac{I(2I-1)}{(2I+3)(2I+1)(I+1)}} \langle I || Q || I \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Defining $\mathbf{N}^{(1)}$ and $N_q^{(2)}$ in dimensionless form as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}^{(1)} &= \boldsymbol{\mu} / \mu_N, \\ N_q^{(2)} &= Q_q^{(2)} / [1 \text{ barn}], \end{aligned}$$

where μ_N is the nuclear magneton ($\mu_N = \frac{|e|\hbar}{2m_p c}$, with m_p being the proton mass), and the reduced matrix elements are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle I || N^{(1)} || I \rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{(2I+1)(I+1)}{I}} \frac{\mu}{\mu_N}, \\ \langle I || N^{(2)} || I \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{(2I+3)(2I+1)(I+1)}{I(2I-1)}} \left[\frac{Q}{1 \text{ barn}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We define one-particle electronic tensors (in a.u.) as

$$\begin{aligned} T_q^{(1)} &= -\frac{i\alpha\sqrt{2} \left(\gamma_0 \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{1q}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \right)}{r^2} \mu_N, \\ T_q^{(2)} &= -\frac{C_q^{(2)}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})}{r^3} \times [1 \text{ barn}]. \end{aligned}$$

Here α is the fine-structure constant, $\mathbf{C}_{1q}^{(0)}$ is a normalized spherical harmonic, γ_0 and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ are the Dirac matrices, and $C_q^{(2)}$ is a normalized spherical function.

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